

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11131–S11237

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2731–2746, S. Res. 338–342, and S. Con. Res. 47. **Page S11205**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010”. (S. Rept. No. 111–97)

S. 1490, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, with amendments.

Pages S11204–05

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 340), Senate passed H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, agreeing to the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Johanns Amendment No. 2393, prohibiting the use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).

Pages S11148, S11172

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2647, to require the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN.

Pages S11148, S11172

Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 336), Coburn Amendment No. 2631, to redirect funding of the National Science Foundation toward practical scientific research. **Pages S11148, S11169–70**

Graham Amendment No. 2669, to prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 338), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11148, S11155–69, S11170–71**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 4, 2009, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, was agreed to. **Page S11145**

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 335), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11148**

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 337), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Coburn Amendment No. 2667, to reduce waste and abuse at the Department of Commerce. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S11170**

By 32 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 339), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Ensign

Modified Amendment No. 2648, to provide additional funds for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by reducing corporate welfare programs. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11148, S11171–72**

Chair sustained a point of order against the following amendments, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, or as being non-germane post-cloture, and the amendments thus fell: **Page S11172**

Vitter/Bennett Amendment No. 2644, to provide that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used for collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of United States citizenship. **Pages S11146–48**

Levin/Coburn Amendment No. 2627, to ensure adequate resources for resolving thousands of offshore tax cases involving hidden accounts at offshore financial institutions. **Page S11148**

Begich/Murkowski Amendment No. 2646, to allow tribes located inside certain boroughs in Alaska to receive Federal funds for their activities. **Page S11148**

Shelby/Feinstein Amendment No. 2625, to provide danger pay to Federal agents stationed in dangerous foreign field offices. **Page S11148**

Leahy Amendment No. 2642, to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits. **Page S11148**

Coburn Amendment No. 2632, to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Page S11148**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Mikulski, Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Byrd, Shelby, Gregg, McConnell, Hutchison, Alexander, Voinovich, Murkowski, and Cochran. **Page S11186**

Cloture Motion—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S11148**

Federal Executive Board Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 806, to provide for the establishment, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11233–35**

Casey (for Akaka/Voinovich) Amendment No. 2736, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11234–35**

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Senate passed S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms. **Pages S11235–36**

National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 342, recognizing National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the United States. **Page S11236**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11187–91**

Adopted:

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2732 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make a technical amendment regarding the designation of funds. **Page S11191**

Pending:

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2730, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11188–91**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, November 6, 2009. **Page S11237**

Appointments:

Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 110–181, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations, appointed the following individual to be a member of the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan: Katherine Schinasi of Washington, D.C. vice Linda J. Gustitus of the District of Columbia. **Page S11236**

Davis Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; that there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; that

at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S11196**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 341), Ignacia S. Moreno, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S11186–88, S11237**

Arturo A. Valenzuela, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2016.

Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2014.

Benjamin B. Wagner, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Carmen Milagros Ortiz, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Edward J. Tarver, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Patrick Gallagher, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S11233**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—341) **Pages S11148, S11169–72, S11175, S11187**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 6, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11237.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, who was introduced by former Representative Stephen Solarz, and Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Markets and Development, who was introduced by Senator Reed, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER AND POWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, S. 1758, to provide for the allocation of costs to project power with respect to power development within the Diamond Fork System, and S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Boxer; Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Martin R. McIntyre, San Luis Water District, Los Banos, California; and Hamilton Candee, Altshuler Berzon LLP, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Grassland Water District.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a

clean energy economy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, David Huebner, of California, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, Robert R. King, of Virginia, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Representatives Berman and Ros-Lehtinen, and Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INCORPORATION TRANSPARENCY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 569, to ensure that persons who form corporations in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations, in order to prevent wrongdoers from exploiting United States corporations for criminal gain, to assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, and other misconduct involving United States corporations, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing; Jennifer Shasky, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; David H. Kellogg, Solers Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Kevin L. Shepherd, American Bar Association, Baltimore, Maryland; John R. Ramsey, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Lewisberry, Pennsylvania; and Jack A. Blum, Tax Justice Network-USA, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Global Financial Integrity.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1584, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Lisa Madigan, Illinois Attorney General, and Camille A. Olson, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, both of Chicago, Illinois; Helen Norton, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder; Virginia Nguyen, Nike, Beaverton, Oregon; Michael P. Carney, City of Springfield Police Department, Springfield, Massachusetts; and Craig L.

Parshall, National Religious Broadcasters, Manassas, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1490, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, with an amendment;

S. 139, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information;

S. 1472, to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, Kenyen Ray Brown, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Stephanie M. Rose, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice.

RECIDIVISM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine reducing recidivism at the local level, after receiving testimony from Harvey Bartle III, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Doug Burris, Chief Probation Officer, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis; Sheriff Andrea Cabral, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Boston, Massachusetts; Chief Stefan LoBuglio, Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation Pre-Release and Reentry Services Division, Rockville, Maryland; and Amy L. Solomon, Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, both of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE COOPERATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs and Indian Health Service cooperation, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; James R. Floyd, Network

Director, VA Heartland Network (VISN 15), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Randy E. Grinnell, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, and Theresa Cullen, Director of Information Technology, Indian Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; W.J. Richardson, Rocky Mountain Health Network, Helena, on behalf of the Montana Healthcare System; William Clayton Sam Park, Papa Ola Lokahi, Honolulu, Hawaii; S. Kevin Howlett, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, St. Ignatius, Montana, on behalf of the

Tribes Health & Human Services Department; and Andy Joseph, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Indian Health Board.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4027–4036; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 209; and H. Res. 891–894 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H12456–57

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1849, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial and to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–329, Pt. 1).

Pages H12455–56

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Oath of Office—Tenth Congressional District of California: Representative-elect John Garamendi presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Ms. Cathy Mitchell, Chief of Elections Division, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 3, 2009, the Honorable John Garamendi was elected Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, State of California.

Pages H12379–80, H12453

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from California, Mr. Garamendi, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, November 4th:

Honoring and recognizing the service and achievements of current and former female members of the Armed Forces: H. Res. 868, to honor and recognize the service and achievements of current and former female members of the Armed Forces, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 366 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 858; Pages H12380–81

Congratulating the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and recognizing their contributions to the Nation: H. Con. Res. 139, amended, to congratulate the first graduating class of the United States Air Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and to recognize their contributions to the Nation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 860;

Pages H12396–97

Recognizing the efforts of career and technical colleges to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries: H. Res. 880, amended, to recognize the efforts of career and technical colleges to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 861; and

Pages H12397–98

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the efforts of postsecondary institutions offering career and technical education to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries.”

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Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day: H. Res. 878, to express support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 864.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yealand-nay vote of 403 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 859; Pages H12381–90, H12395–96

World War I Memorial and Centennial Act of 2009: H.R. 1849, amended, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial and to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yealand-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 862;

Pages H12390–94, H12426

Cesar E. Chavez Post Office Designation Act: S. 748, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the “Cesar E. Chavez Post Office”; and

Pages H12400–01

American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009: H.R. 3276, amended, to promote the production of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yealand-nay vote of 400 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 863.

Pages H12401–06, H12426–27

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3788, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the “Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building” and

Pages H12394–95

Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the “Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building”.

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Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 2868, to

amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 6th. Pages H12370–79, H12407–26

H. Res. 885, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yealand-nay vote of 233 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 857, after the previous question was ordered by a yealand-nay vote of 241 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 856. Pages H12378–79

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the violence at Fort Hood today, November 5, 2009. Page H12427

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yealand-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12378, H12378–79, H12380, H12395–96, H12396–97, H12397, H12426, H12427 and H12428. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2868—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009.

Committee Meetings

U.S. IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Iraq and Afghanistan: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on Preventing Child Abuse and Improving Responses to Families in Crisis. Testimony was heard from Rodney Hammond, Director, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE PRINT—FINANCIAL STABILITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3845, as amended, USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 984, as amended, State

Secret Protection Act of 2009; and H. Res. 871, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents, records, memos, correspondence, and other communications regarding medical malpractice reform.

COMBATING ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Combating Organized Retail Crime—The Role of Federal Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from David J. Johnson, Section Chief, Violent Crime Section, Criminal Investigation Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Janice Ayala, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and John R. Large, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigations Division, both with the Department of Homeland Security; and Zane Hill, Deputy Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Service.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING TRANSMISSION MODELS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Getting Past Gridlock: Models for Renewable Energy Siting and Transmission.” Testimony was heard from Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Dian Grueneich, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

GUAM PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 3940, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam. Testimony was heard from Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 765, Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Act of 2009; H.R. 1769, Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act; H.R. 2476, Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 3388, Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act; H.R. 3603, To rename the Ocmulgee National

Monument; H.R. 3759, BLM Contract Extension Act; and H.R. 3804, National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Forbes Marshall, Reichert, Heller, Polis and Tonko; Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jim Bedwell, Director, Recreation and Heritage Resources, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE DIVERSIFICATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “More than Stamps: Adapting the Postal Service to a Changing World.” Testimony was heard from Robert Bernstock, President, Mailing and Shipping Services, U.S. Postal Service; Ruth Goldway, Chairman, U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; Michael Coughlin, Deputy Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service; and a public witness.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ELECTRONIC RECORDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “The National Archives’ Ability to Safeguard the Nation’s Electronic Records.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: Adrienne Thomas, Acting Archivist of the United States; and Paul Brachfeld, Inspector General; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology, Management Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

GEOENGINEERING/CLIMATE INTERVENTION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Geoengineering: Assessing the Implications of Large-Scale Climate Intervention. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved the following measures: the Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 3377, as amended, Disaster Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1174, as amended, FEMA Independence Act of 2009; H. Res. 841, Expressing support for designation of November 29, 2009, as “Drive Safer Sunday;” and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions.

FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNT REPORTING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Foreign Bank Account Reporting and Tax Compliance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Stephen E. Shay, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Tax Affairs; and William J. Wilkins, Chief Counsel, IRS; and public witnesses.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ACCESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met and voted on non-committee member requests for access to classified information.

BRIEFING ON PERU

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to receive a briefing on Peru. Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 6, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, to continue markup of Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2811, To amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3962, Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2009, 2 p.m., H-3123 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for October 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, November 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2868—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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